



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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Happy New Year

I hope that everyone had a happy New Year as we begin what we hope will be a productive 2016. We're excited here in city government as there are always many things to do. Earlier this week, we kicked off the 2016-17 fiscal year budget planning process by bringing staff together to review where the city is financially and what our needs are for the coming year. Every year is different and we look forward to tackling this year's unique challenges. July, the start of the new fiscal year, seems a long way off, but City staff will be working very hard to develop a sound plan for the best use of the city's tax dollars. Our Coffees with Council and public hearings will begin in February where residents have an opportunity to let us know what's important to them. Check out the dates below, and we hope you come out to let us know what your priorities are as we work to meet our strategic plan goals in a responsible way. Let's continue to work together for a happy and prosperous 2016.



City Kicks Off The Budget Season For 2016-2017

City Manager Tom Bonfield meets with City staff as part of the kickoff for the 2016-2017 budget season.

process. The work will continue through May to come up with a sound plan for City spending.

City, County Governments to Host MLK Event on Jan. 13

Durham's City and County governments will jointly host the 11th Annual City-County Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Observance Program Jan. 13 beginning at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 305 East Main St. The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church. The program is free and open to the public and will feature the City-County Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Choir. [More](#)

Residents Invited to Join Durham City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Durham residents interested in giving their input directly to the City Council on the City of Durham's annual budget should mark their calendars now to attend upcoming "Coffee with Council" meetings. Hosted by the Durham City Council, the Coffee with Council sessions are a series of face-to-face meetings designed to give residents the opportunity to provide direct feedback to council members on budget priorities for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The sessions also include a presentation on the City's budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year. The first session will be on Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road. [More](#)

Most City of Durham Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Most City of Durham offices, including City Hall and other non-emergency City operations, will be closed Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Police, fire, and rescue services for life-threatening or in-progress emergencies may be reached by calling 9-1-1. Non-emergency problems or concerns may be directed to (919) 560-4600. The Solid Waste Management Department will be closed Jan. 18. Collection for all services, including solid waste, recycling, yard waste and bulky items, will be delayed by one business day for the entire week. Collections for yard waste and bulky items on Jan. 22 will instead occur Jan. 25. The Waste Disposal and Recycling Center, Yard Waste Facility, and the Household Hazardous Waste Center will be closed Jan. 18, and will reopen under normal operating schedules Jan. 19. For a complete list of closings and delays, visit the [website](#).

City Hosts Landlord Training Workshop Jan. 21

Are you a landlord or property manager in need of training to provide effective property management? The Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) Department is offering a free monthly workshop for landlords as part of its Proactive Rental Inspection Program. This month's workshop will be on Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the NIS main conference room, 807 E. Main St. The pre-registration deadline is Jan. 18. [More](#)

Durham Hosts E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

Durham residents and businesses looking for an easy and free way to recycle electronic waste, shred confidential documents, and dispose of live Christmas trees should attend the City of Durham E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event Jan. 16. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the visitor side of the Durham County Memorial Stadium, 750 Stadium Dr. Event staff will be on hand to unload old electronics, paper, and Christmas trees. Hard plastic toys as well as plastic and metal lawn furniture may also be dropped off for recycling. [More](#)

Durham Police Release Draft Body Camera Policy

The Durham Police Department (DPD) is inviting residents to provide comments about its draft body-worn camera policy recently released. DPD held six public listening forums in May and June to give residents an opportunity to speak to police leadership about the department's use of body cameras. While a date has yet to be determined, the department has decided to utilize body cameras and the selection of a body camera is close to being finalized. DPD is ready for

the next phase of the implementation process which includes allowing residents to make comments about the policy until Jan. 14. [More](#)

Durham Police Chief Search Spanish Survey Launched

Durham residents who speak Spanish and want to provide feedback about some important factors the City of Durham should consider in the search for the next police chief can now do so online. The new [Spanish-language survey](#), is part of the national search process to allow the public to provide input directly to Developmental Associates, LLC, the search agency hired to help the City. City Manager Tom Bonfield said the recruitment process is expected to take about four months, with the first phase now underway as Developmental Associates, LLC begins gathering information from the public as well as various community stakeholders, including the police department staff and other community leaders. This Spanish-language survey to gather input is in addition to the public forum held earlier this week at El Centro Hispano.

City Hall This Week

Durham Police Department Asks for Input on Draft Body Camera Policy

Community input is now sought on the Durham Police Department's recently released [draft body camera policy](#). Residents and officers can offer [feedback](#) until Jan. 14. Deputy Chief Anthony Marsh explains more about what is included in the policy. [Watch the show.](#)



CityLife

Each spring, mature adults age 50 or better get a chance to show their stuff during the Durham [Senior Games and SilverArts Showcase](#). In this new episode, CityLife Host Beverly B. Thompson is joined by Bridgette Robinson with Durham Parks and Recreation and Etheldreda Guion, a past participant, to talk about Durham's very own Olympic-style competition and why it's a fun event for all ages.. [Watch the show.](#)

Tune in to DTN, the City's government channel on Time Warner Cable channel 8 to watch this episode or watch the episode [on demand](#).

Durham Recognizes New Stormwater STAR Businesses

Four local businesses are setting the example of environmental stewardship by preventing stormwater pollution. The Refectory Café, Pine State Flowers, Beer Durham, and Cocoa Cinnamon have been recognized by the City of Durham Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division for completing a year-long program to become certified as Stormwater STAR businesses. The Stormwater STAR recognition program began two years ago as a way for businesses to show off their efforts to protect creeks, rivers, and lakes in Durham. Everyday tasks like picking up litter, checking outside storage bins, and proper disposal of everything from grease to mop water help prevent storm drain pollution. [More](#)

7 Stars Employee Giving Campaign Results - Goal Exceeded!

A special thank you to all employees who supported the 2015 7 Stars Employee Giving Campaign through pledge donations and department special events. This year's campaign raised a total of \$107,488. We exceeded our goal of \$100,000 and that would not have been possible without the generous support of City of Durham employees. A big thank you goes to campaign Co-Chairs Lisa Harty and Bridgette Robinson along with all of the members of the campaign strategy team.

who saw to it that this year's campaign was a success.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

The Solid Waste Management Department will collect Christmas trees from all solid waste customers until Feb. 6. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on residents' normal household garbage collection day. Residents are asked to leave the tree at the curb for one week before contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 to report a missed tree collection. Trees taller than six feet should be cut in half. Residents should remove all decorations and hardware, including tinsel, lights, garland, ornaments, nails, and stands. Residents are also asked to not place trees in bags. Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd., Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon at no charge until Feb. 6. Customers are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing. Trees delivered after February 6 will be subject to the usual disposal fees.

Durham Offers Recycling Plant Tour Jan. 15

Register now to reserve your spot for a behind-the-scenes look at what happens once your recyclables are collected. The City of Durham Solid Waste Management Department and Keep Durham Beautiful are offering a free bus tour to the Sonoco Recycling facility in Raleigh on Jan. 15. The bus tour will depart at 9 a.m. from the City's Solid Waste Management Department, 1833 Camden Ave., and return to Durham around noon. Participants will receive a guided tour of Sonoco Recycling's state-of-the-art facility followed by a question-and-answer session with City staff and Sonoco representatives. To reserve a seat on the bus tour, [register online](#) or contact Tania Dautlick of Keep Durham Beautiful by Jan. 11 by [email](#) or (919) 354-2729. To learn more about recycling in Durham, visit the City's [website](#). [More](#)

Professional Placement Networking Coming To Downtown

Looking for free job placement information and networking events for adult professionals? The Professional Placement Network Academy is hosting free events to provide targeted career services and support, while offering the opportunity for jobseekers to meet with employers to get first-hand information about their application process. The events will be held the first Wednesday of every month through February at the Historic Parrish Street Forum, 108 W. Parrish St. [More](#)

Conservation at Work and Home

There are many ways to cut your water consumption at work and home. The [Durham Saves Water](#) web page provides all kinds of informative conservation tips such as [money-saving kits](#) for water customers, [rain barrels](#) and rebates available if you purchase [WaterSense Toilets](#).

Downtown Loop Waterline Construction

The City of Durham Downtown Loop Waterline Replacement project will replace more than 12,000 linear feet of 1930's era water mains in Durham's Downtown Loop area to improve service delivery. This weekend, weather permitting, waterline construction will take place near the intersection of Foster and Morgan streets on Saturday to install a new waterline across Morgan near the Armory. Activities will reduce westbound Morgan to one lane for through traffic.



Next week, waterline connections and services will be installed on Foster Street between Morgan and Chapel Hill streets. Construction will take place in the eastern lane. This northbound travel lane and on-street parking on the east side of Foster Street will be closed between Chapel Hill and Morgan streets during construction in this area. Repairs to an existing sewer service in Alley #23 (mid-block between Chapel Hill and Morgan streets on the east side of Foster Street) will be completed. Foster Street will be closed to all through traffic on Tuesday and Wednesday to complete the necessary repairs. Access to the Marriott Hotel will be maintained during the road closure.

Project information and updates are available on the [website](#) or contact any City or Kimley-Horn staff listed on the web page.

Get in the Know with the City on Facebook and Twitter

Keeping up with City of Durham news and events has never been easier. The City has a Facebook page and Twitter feed, making it even simpler to stay up-to-date on what's going on with your City government. Simply like the [City's Facebook](#) page or follow the [City's Twitter](#) feed. To check out a listing of all of the City's social media pages, visit the [Office of Public Affairs](#).

Look for us on:



Call weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to speak to a highly trained customer service representative who will answer your questions, and/or submit a service request to the appropriate department. Durham One Call does it all.

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Persons who require assistance should call (919) 560-4197, TTY (919) 560-1200 or email ADA@Durhamnc.gov no later than 48 hours before the event.